

County of Sonoma

Agenda Item Summary Report

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date
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Agenda Item No:

Department: Human Services

4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
April 21, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:
April 21, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Resolution designating April 19-25 as the Week of the Young Child

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to adopt a resolution declaring April 19-25, 2009 as Week of the Young Child in Sonoma County.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost	\$	000.00	Contingencies (Fund Name:)	\$	000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$	000.00	Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)	\$	000.00
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s) (Source:)	\$	000.00
Additional Requested:	\$	0.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$	0.00

Explanation (if required):

The Child Care Planning Council is funded through the Sonoma County Office of Education through a contract with the State Department of Education. There is no cost to the County.

Prior Board Action(s):

September 21, 1999: - October 8, 2008: Appointed/reappointed members of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council and approved by-laws which established term of membership.

September 29, 1998: Designated the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council as the local child care planning council required under AB 1542 (CalWORKs).

October 20, 1992: Established the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council as a standing committee representing the Board of Supervisors by resolution No. 92-1583.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

The Board of Supervisors could decline to approve presentation, which would result in lost opportunity to hear about the status of child care in Sonoma County. The Board of Supervisors could decline to approve resolution regarding Week of the Young Child, which would result in lost opportunity to recognize the importance of early care and education in Sonoma County.

Background:

The Board of Supervisors originally established the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council on October 20, 1992, to meet the requirements mandated by the passage of AB 2141, which created local child care and development planning councils to identify local priorities for child care and state preschool expansion funds, among other tasks.

Due to the passage of AB 1542 in 1997, which established the CalWORKs program, the Board was required to designate a local child care planning council to establish priorities for state-funded child care and development services and develop a comprehensive countywide plan for child care. On September 29, 1998, the Board of Supervisors designated the existing Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council as the local council required under the legislation.

The Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council advocates, advises and plans for quality, accessible and affordable child care and development services in Sonoma County. In the 2007-2008 program year, the Council engaged the participation of 23 Council members in the following accomplishments:

- Updated the Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment
- Developed geographic priorities for California child care funding
- Facilitated community implementation of the Comprehensive Plan for Child Care and Learning Programs, Sonoma County 2005-2010
- Facilitated community collaborative to establish a foundation for launching a social marketing campaign to increase how Sonoma County values its children
- Administered 3 programs providing training and retention activities for the child care and development workforce

Goals for 2008-2009 are:

- Advocacy efforts: 1) preserve, protect and increase funding for subsidized child care for children 0-12 years in Sonoma County, 2) ensure adequate funding for Community Care Licensing and 3) reduce barriers to facility development by exploring zoning and permitting issues
- Provide resources, support and linkages regarding best practices for Violence Prevention to Sonoma County child care and early education providers (0-5 and school-age)
- Complete a 5-year Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment
- Set Zip Code priority areas for any new CDD funding
- Participate in collaborative Provider Wage and Benefit survey
- Administer training and retention programs
- Administer child care and development quality improvement program with First 5

Week of the Young Child:

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Week of the Young Child is an opportunity to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

Recommendation:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to adopt a resolution declaring April 19-25, 2009 as Week of the Young Child in Sonoma County.

Attachments: Resolution

On File with the Clerk: N/A

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Board Action (if other than requested)

Vote: